

Last issue, I wrote, "If your thinking of buying Dolphin Dos - don't because Trilogic are about to announce the release of a BETTER, CHEAPER, ALL BRITISH product." Well, I'm pleased to be able to give you more details of this device for your 1541.

It's called the PHANTOM, mainly so that the guys at Trilogic did not have to work too hard at thinking up corny advertising slogans such as - "its totally invisible to the user" or, "our rivals don't stand a ghost of a chance" etc... Oh shut up and get on with it - ed. Alright, keep your hair on - miserable old s\*\*. Sorry, back to the Phantom.

You'll by now have guessed that it is a new parallel conversion for the 1541 drive which speeds up all disk operations by millions of times (well nearly).

Upto at least 40 times faster loading & saving can be expected, and there are new commands like SET DEVICE NUMBER, FILE LOCK & UNLOCK, BUMP HEAD ON/OFF, WRITE PROTECT IGNORE. Plus there is 40 TRACK CAPABILITY.

It uses standard Commodore format, and to ensure full compatibility you can turn it off by typing GO 1541.

There is a powerful drive monitor included, not to mention an amazing copier disk which can back-up .99.9% of all disks.

You can even buy a customised Kernal rom which has your own unique start-up message programmed into it.

The price is likely to be similar to that of Dolphin Dos but the FREE copier disk is worth at least £30.00. It should be available direct from Trilogic by mid May if not sooner.

The PHANTOM actually consists of a printed circuit board which plugs into sockets on the main 1541 pcb. No less than 12 microchips, virtually, a complete redesign of the 1541 read/write circuitry transfers the data in parallel form to the user port of your 64 or 128. A switchable replacement Kernal rom is supplied which looks after the computer 'end' of drive operations. Fitting takes less than 10 minutes, and you can return both computer and drive to original specification at any time by reversing the installation procedure. 64, 128 in 64 mode and 128 in 128 mode kernal will be available at no extra cost.

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